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## NEWS SECTION

### FIRST EDITION

This is the first edition of "Algerian Student", the News Bulletin for the 15 Algerian students studying the United States under USNSA scholarships. We hope that it will be printed monthly.

The main idea of "Algerian Student" is for an exchange of news between the Algerian students themselves, plus any pertinent news from the office of the National Student Association. The monthly bulletin will feature portions of letters from various students, news items, and editorials. The "Algerian Student" is designed to be means of communication from the individual Algerian student to his friends on other campuses and to the NSA office.

### MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF

We hope that you will write us many letters concerning your courses of study, your academic interests, the difficulties with subject matter, and other things relating to your university work. We are also interested (although to a lesser degree, because you are primarily in Academic scholarships) in your school activities, your associates, and your opinions about American Student Life.

Not only will your letters enable us to put out a better news bulletin, but it will also help us to know how much you are enjoying your American education and how valuable you feel it is. We also enjoy receiving your letters because we are interested in you as a person and in your individual advancement.

## FLASH

### CHRISTMAS MEETING PLANNED

A meeting for all 15 of the Algerian Scholarship students is presently being planned for the Christmas holidays. Presumably, the meeting will be held somewhere in New England or around New York. Yale University has been mentioned as a possible meeting site.

The meeting is presently scheduled to begin on December 20, and to last three days. It would consist of various programs, speakers, discussion groups, and evaluation meetings.



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Harald Bakken, USNSA President in 1953-54, and last year's FSLP Director, has agreed to organize the program for the Conference. He hopes to obtain several highly rated speakers for the affair, and feels that the over-all meeting will be of crucial value for the students involved.

Donald Clifford, current FSLP Director, has asked that all 15 students studying on USNSA Scholarships keep the time between December 20-23 open for this Christmas Conference. He also said that the National Student Association would pay full transportation for all students to the site of the meeting.

#### LETTERS SECTION

Rachid Benouameur, of the University of North Carolina (UNC) has been one of our most faithful correspondents. In his first letter, he told us:

"Here at UNC, I am taking four courses: (1) the English language, old and modern grammar; (2) American literature up to 1900; (3) the American novel from 1850; and (4) American history. Being a special student, I'm working very hard to be graduated at the end of the Fall semester and to be considered as a regular student."

In a later correspondence, Rachid said:

"I take part in many activities on our campus: Cosmopolitan Club, invitations in private houses, lectures in French for those who study this language ... but I am afraid not to have enough time to do well in my four courses and to read my 1,000 pages per week, so I plan to make a good balance between my studies and my other activities."

In a letter received this week, Mr. Benouameur sounds as though he has a grand opportunity before him, as he says:

"I've received an invitation to make a speech in Greensboro (North Carolina) among a public entirely composed with women students!"

In his letters, Rachid makes some very astute observations concerning his early impressions of American university life. For instance, he says:



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"Sometimes it seems to me that the university is more like a playground for healthy adolescents than a temple of learning. No intellectual life is to be found. Generally, it is quite impossible to discuss a serious and important question during more than a few minutes."

#### NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

##### NEW MEMBER TO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

Mr. Gary Glenn has become the newest employee of the National Student Association's International Commission. He will be assisting Don Clifford and Joan MacRavey in the Foreign Student Leadership Office, and will also serve as Asian representative. Mr. Glenn is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, was at the National Student Congress and at the FSLP camp at Decatur, Illinois.

##### NSA PRESIDENT IN EUROPE

Don Hoffman, President of the USNSA is spending late October and early November in Europe. He will be attending several conventions and will speak with various student leaders throughout Europe.

##### FSLP DIRECTOR ON CROSS-COUNTRY TOUR

Don Clifford, Director of NSA's Foreign Student Leadership Project is currently traveling around the nation visiting all the FSLP and Algerian Scholarship participants. Going all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Don will be away from Philadelphia for one and a half months. He sends you this message:

"It has been extremely difficult for us to place all of the Algerian students in universities in this country. This has been due to the scarcity of academic records which the students have been able to produce, given their special circumstances. At present, however, all of the Algerian scholarship students have been enrolled in universities and are pursuing programs for academic credit. We



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are very sympathetic to your problems during these first few weeks of school in becoming enrolled and established in your universities and sincerely hope that initial problems have been or are being solved in the best possible manner for you."

#### ALGERIAN STUDENTS ON COSEC MAILING LIST

The FSLP office has submitted the names of the fifteen Algerian students to the Coordinating Secretariat of the ISC for mailings of "The Student," the COSEC "Information Bulletin," and the "Student Mirror." You should be receiving these publications soon and are requested to inform us if you have not been sent your copies within the next month.

#### INSURANCE

The USNSA has taken out a health insurance policy through The Mutual of Omaha to cover all of the foreign students in NSA sponsored programs. You should have received a small blue insurance identification card which you must present along with an enclosed "Notice of Claim" each time you visit a doctor for medical attention. (The office initially sends you one such claim notice, whereafter you receive new supplies automatically from Mutual of Omaha upon their receipt of a claim sent to them by your doctor.)

Enclosed is a descriptive brochure of your insurance policy. If you do not have your blue identification card, please notify us immediately so that we may order one for you.